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(54) Title: C8, C8' LINKED 5-OXO-1,2,3,11A-TETRAHYDRO-5H-PYRROLO[2,1-C][1,4]BENZODIAZEPINE DIMERS WITH 1H-PYRROLE-DICARBOXYLIC ACID AMIDE LINKERS AND OLIGOMERIC ANALOGS THEROF AS WELL AS RELATED COMPOUNDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE DISEASES

$$R^{7} \xrightarrow{R^{6}} R^{17} \xrightarrow{R^{17}} R^{17}$$

(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I): PBD-A-Y-X- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-L- (Het)_{nd}-X'-Y'-A'-PBD' and salts, solvates and chemically protected forms thereof, are disclosed wherein the PBD units have the formulae (PBD) (PBD') with the bonds at the 8 position on each molecule bond to the A and A' groups respectively; A is selected from O, S, NH or a single bond, and each Het and Het' is respectively an amino-heteroarylene-carbonyl group; X and X' are both either NH or C (=O) -Q-C (=O) - wherein Q is a divalent group such that HY = R; in a second aspectm the invention comprises compounds of the general formula (II): PBD-A-Y-X-(Het)_{ng}-[L-(Het)_{nh}] _{nj}-X'-Y'-A'-PBD'. Wherein: PBD and PBD' are as defined above, X and X' are either NH and C(=O) respectively or C(O) and NH respectively; the other substituents are defined in the claims. Further aspects of the present invention relate to their use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a proliferative disease.

